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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN

RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 479)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to a determination of the availability of
- 2 mental health services in the state including the value of
- 3 pursuing a Medicaid institutions for mental diseases waiver,
- 4 and including effective date provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

H.F. 773

- 1 Section 1. STUDY AND REPORT OF MEDICAID INSTITUTIONS FOR 2 MENTAL DISEASES WAIVER AND THE AVAILABILITY OF MENTAL HEALTH The department of human services shall conduct a 4 statewide study of the current availability of mental health 5 services in the state. The study will research and evaluate 6 the current availability of mental health services across the 7 continuum of care and the potential value of pursuing a section 8 1115 demonstration waiver as specified in section 12003 of the 9 federal 21st Century Cures Act, Pub. L. No. 114-255, to provide 10 for reimbursement for services provided in settings that 11 qualify as institutions for mental diseases. The department 12 shall submit a final report of the results of the study to the 13 governor and the general assembly by February 15, 2022. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate 14 Sec. 2.
- 16 EXPLANATION

15 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- This bill requires the department of human services (DHS) to conduct a statewide study of the current availability of mental health services in the state, including the potential value of pursuing a section 1115 demonstration waiver as specified under the federal 21st Century Cures Act, to provide for reimbursement for services provided in settings that qualify as institutions for mental diseases. DHS shall submit a final report of the results of the study to the governor and to the general assembly by February 15, 2022. The bill takes effect upon enactment.